

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It is outrageous that they would air one sided attack movies against a candidate for president.

We need to return to the rules of balance that were dissolved under the Reagan administration. We need to require the stations who use our public airways to offer free information that affects our democracy such as the various positions of the candidates, free of "spin."

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

In addition, as it was argued by Fox, it was found not to be illegal for network news to lie to the public, justifying their firing of employees who refused to lie. If this is true, rules must be put in place to make this illegal. Corporations that use our public airwaves must be held accountable for lying to the public. Thank you.